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DEDICATION

As an expression of appreciation to our Principal, Mr. W. E. Friend, the Senior Class of 1962 dedicates this Yearbook, "THE HORNET."

We express our sincere gratitude for his devotion and generosity through the years.

Point of View of the School

Education is the result of one's reaction to his environment. Life in the United States is that of a democratic environment; and the individual is encouraged to work with and for others as well as for himself.

The school is a place where students, teachers, and parents search cooperatively for the best solution to problems that are significant to them.

The aspects of competition such as honor rolls, prizes, etc., give way to cooperative evaluation by students and teachers of their growth in desirable social attitudes, and their application to improvement in finding ways of adjustment.

The task of the teacher is to create situations whereby the student will react in a constructive way for the improvement of himself and his fellowman.

All school and community activities are means of enabling the student to improve himself by changing his environment, thereby, raising the standard of society to the ideal democracy.

By working together in situations in which all activities are shared, both young and adults become interested in the purposes of the school and community, and work together to realize these purposes in the everyday life of the community.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Graduating Seniors:

My hearty congratulations to each of you in the class of 1962 for achieving this milestone in your educational career.

I am sure you have made some decisions concerning your future-tentative perhaps-but still you have made them-unsuitable perhaps-but they are yours. For each of you we have sought to provide inspiration, enlightenment, and learning. We have tried to instill in each of you an awareness of educational values, and to inculcate an ambition to seek out eternal truth.

We now assume that you have acquired wisdom, yet, as you stand poised to make the leap into the challenging uncertain future, you are faced with the inescapable realization that success or failure in your chosen career is fully dependent upon how well you have applied the lessons learned, how vigilant you are in recognizing and seizing opportunities and how honest you are with yourself, and with others whom you will contact.

Your graduation is a milestone in your education, but it is not the end of seeking knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live. Abrams will follow with affection and interest the career of each of you, its sons and daughters, and as you go forth from these historic grounds, you have my warmest felicitations and cordial best wishes for long and useful lives. We will not forget you, and we hope you will not forget Abrams.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Friend, Principal

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CLASS HISTORY

As we, the Senior Class of 1962, pause to reminisce near the end of our high school days, we recall many pleasant experiences. We look back over the years, vainly wishing to correct our mistakes; however, still mindful that all mortals are fallible.

Now, in our minds, we turn back the pages of time to September, 1957. We see 60 shy and timid eighth graders eager to seek new adventures and to conquer new horizons. We were divided into two sections and placed under the guidance of Mrs. Charlotte Melton and Mr. Edgar Edwards. There we were-anxious to establish a good precedent, and afraid not to cater to the wishes of our superiors.

The next year we returned as 37 full-fledged freshmen. We were allowed to hold positions in our school organizations, and to participate in all extracurricular activities. Some of our girls and boys became fine athletes.

The year 1959-60 was the highlight of our school years. We were now self-assured sophomores-32 strong.

As 22 dignified juniors, we felt that we should be entitled to all the privileges that the seniors enjoyed. After all, didn't we have nearly as much prestige? With Mr. James Williams as our homeroom teacher, we prepared for our Junior-Senior Prom. In June we sadly watched our senior friends raise their voices to the strains of "My Happiness."

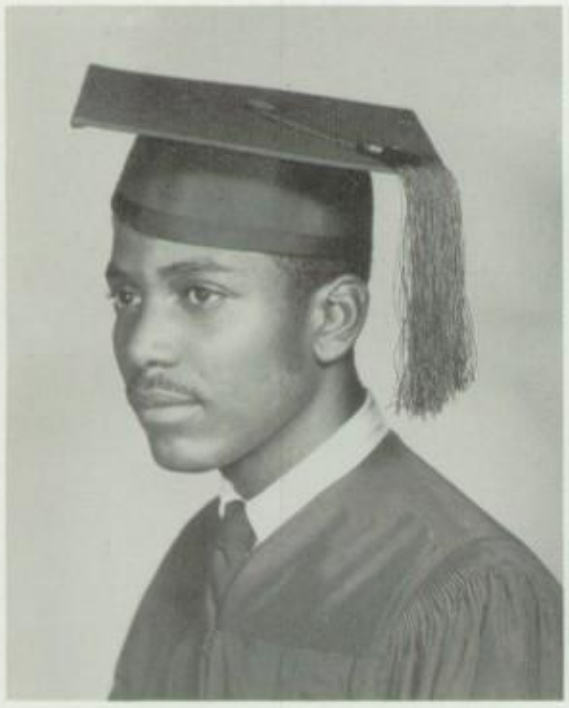
By our senior year, only nineteen of us remained. However, with a strong determination to succeed, we staunchly set about our duties. We raised money for our yearbook, were measured for our rings, and worked under the patient guidance of Mr. Williams to make our graduation one to be remembered. Then at last our greatest dreams were realized. Our struggles had not been in vain.

Through hard work, perseverance, and faith, we have attempted to overcome the inevitable obstacles that were forever in our pathways. As we go forward we remember the words of Goethe:

"There are but two roads that lead to an important goal and to the doing of great things: strength and perseverance."

Sandra Phanelson

Alice Jackson



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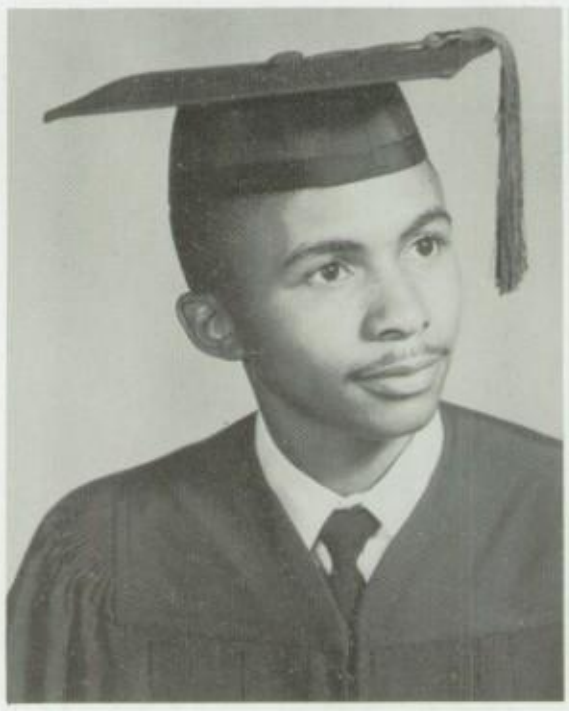

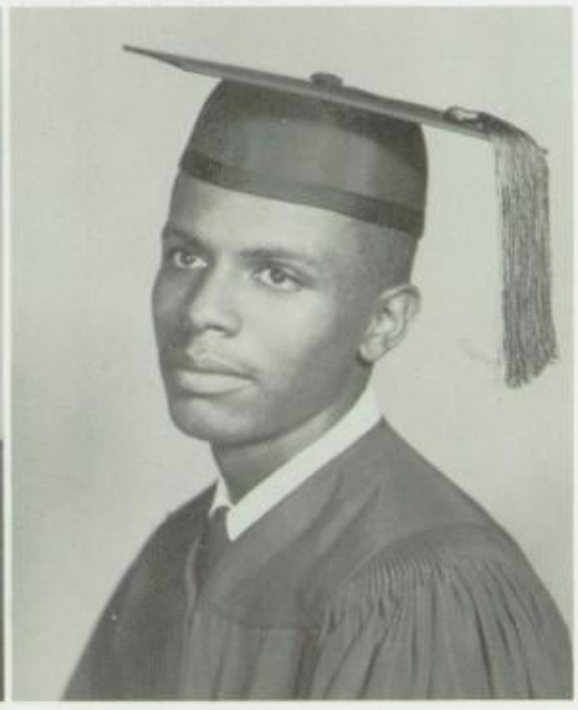

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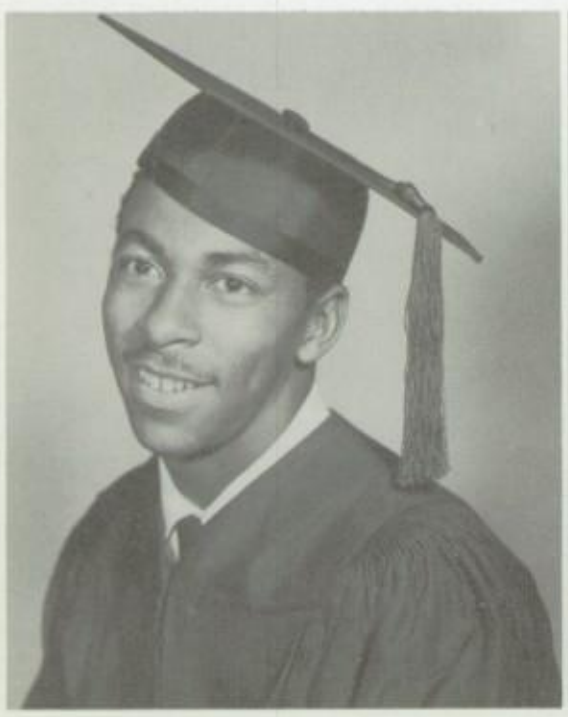
Engineer



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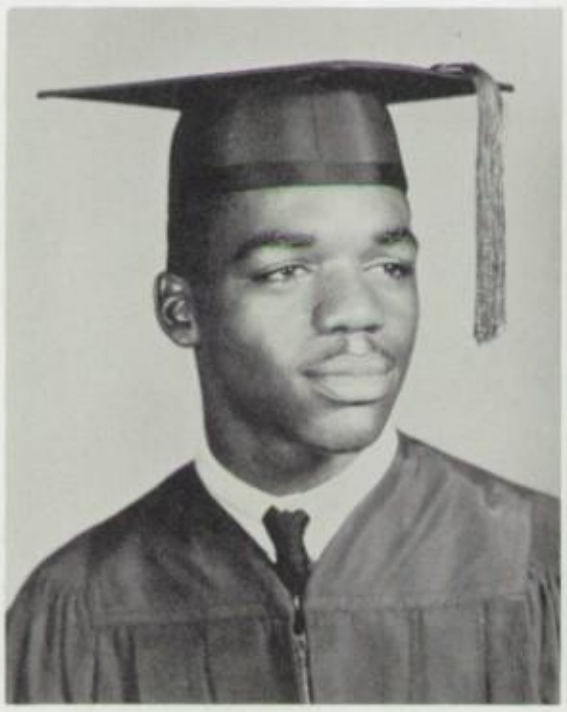

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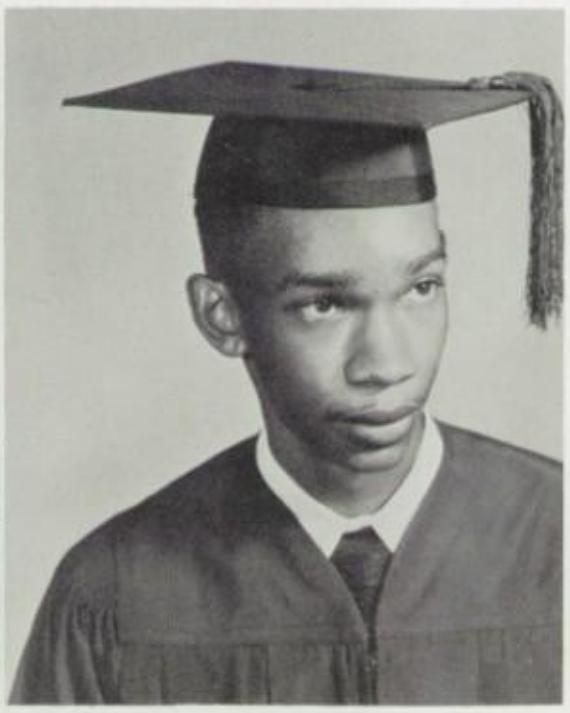
Nurse



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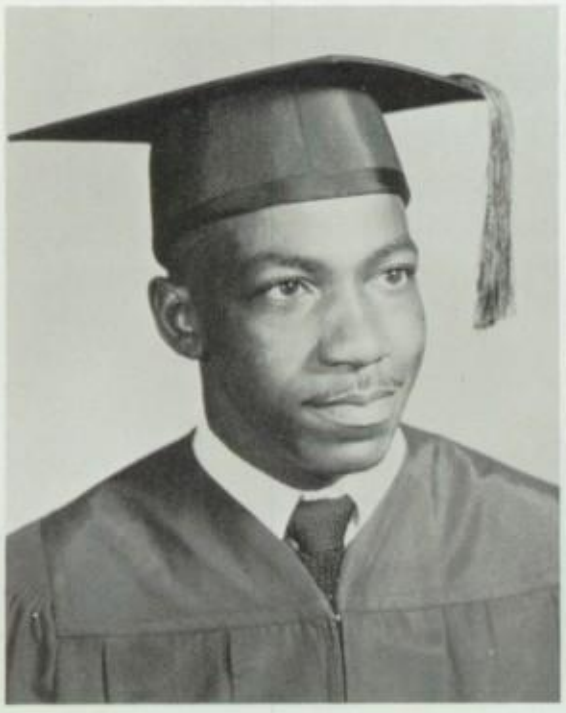

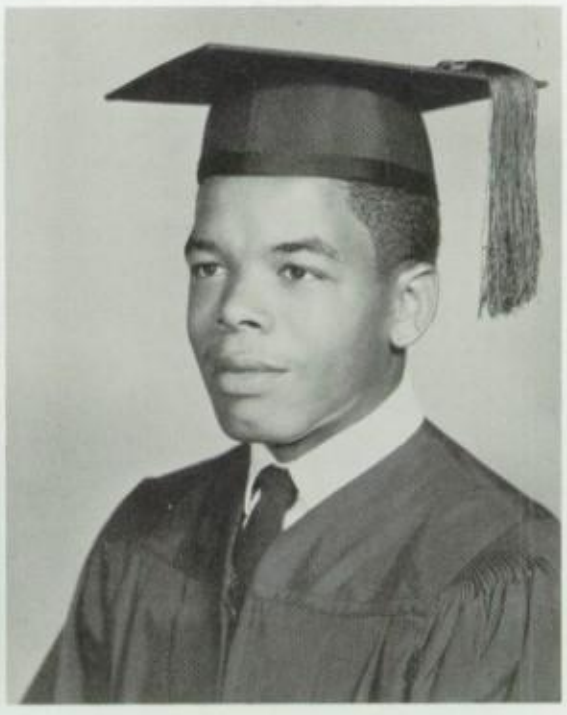

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"Follow the Sun"
Mechanic

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"Billy"
Electrician

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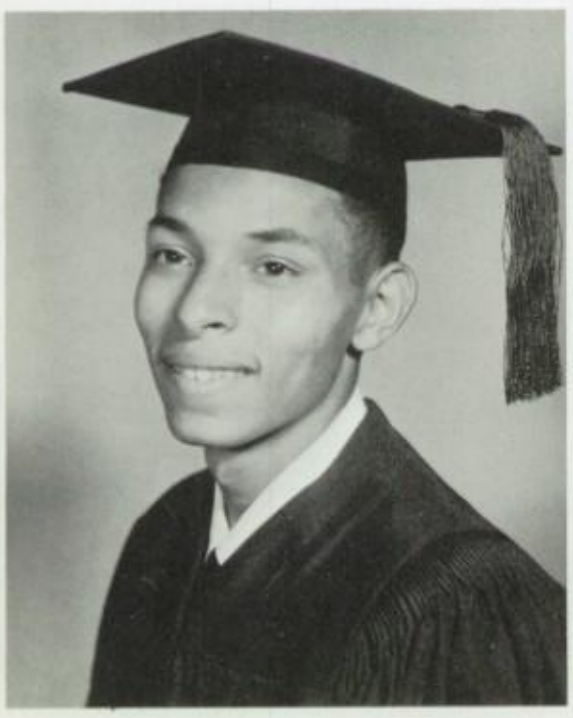
"Sandy"
Teacher

ELSIE WASHINGTON
"Baby"
Beautician



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"Duke"
Mechanic

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Elden Payne

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CLASS PROPHECY

I dreamed I was a gypsy fortune teller with a crystal ball before me. And after seeing many strange and weird things, my eyes rested upon the pleasant prophecy of my classmates of '62. As my crystal ball revolves I see:

Herbert Lewis is the President of the bank in Fork Union, Virginia with Betty Griggs working as his cashier. Down the street I see Barbara Bowles. She operates a beauty shop, and has created many new hair styles.

I am now traveling to New York. I see Howard Bradley who operates Bradley & Son's Art Gallery. While there I looked in on Elsie Washington who is earning $20 per hour as a model.

As I move eastward, I see the old familiar Abrams High School. Harold Bratcher is now principal and Fermy Payne is teaching French. On to Palmyra, Virginia. How it has changed. It is a very large town. The doctor's office across the street belongs to Sandra Phanelson; Phillip Carter is her steady patient. He is a star in the Major League.

On the suburb of Palmyra William Payne owns a large farm. Alice Jackson is working very hard to keep the house clean. While here I must visit the Payne brothers' dairy farm which is owned by Elden and Bernard.

From here I go to Washington, D. C. I see Gertrude Moore who has just completed her book on "People Are Quiet." While here I think that I shall visit Nathaniel Armstrong who is conducting a symphony orchestra.

Errol Washington is a chef in the White House.

I must hurry back to Scottsville and go to work at Kelly's Progress.

Before the crystal ball becomes completely dark, I predict for all, success wherever they embark.

Bertha Kelly

CLASS SONG

TUNE "Danny Boy"

Dear Abrams High, the time has come for parting,
It's time to stop, and sadly bid adieu.
We'll miss our friends and all the times we're had,
Oh, Abrams High we Seniors cherish you.

Each hallowed hall, each memory filled classroom,
Each teacher dear, we all will miss you so.
Dear Abrams High, we'll always remember you,
Oh! Abrams High, Oh! Abrams High, we love you so.

Sandra Phanelson

CLASS POEM

O Friends! with whom our feet have trod
Within the halls of Abrams High;
Our hearts are sad indeed
For we must say goodbye.

Year after year, we all have come
And met our friends so dear;
We dedicate our love so true
For we must leave you here.

We've loved the subjects and the classes
Our teachers long have taught;
And all the hard battles of brain and wit
That together so long we have fought.

To our friends and loved ones
We must say goodbye;
With hopes that you will ever
Love dear Abrams High.

Barbara Bowles
Sandra Phanelson

CLASS MOTTO: "Passport To The Future"

CLASS FLOWER: White Carnation

CLASS COLORS: Yellow and Blue

CLASS WILL

We, the graduating class of the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two of S. C. Abrams High School, being fully aware of our near departure, but unaware of what lies ahead, and possessing mature and sound minds, do make and declare this our last will and testament.

To Mr. W. E. Friend, our inspiring principal, we bequeath peace, happiness, health, and many blessings.

To Mr. James Williams, our beloved and devoted advisor, we bequeath our sincere affection, our profound gratitude, and the unlimited wealth of our eternal memory.

To our dedicated faculty, who have been our instructors in all the wisdom of ages, our deepest appreciation for their untiring efforts and unselfish service they gave so freely.

To the Juniors, we bequeath our desire for their success in following the footsteps of the class of 1962.

To the Sophomores, we leave our enthusiasm and courage that they may be able to conquer the next two years.

To the Freshmen, we bequeath our ability to study, and courage to complete the courses they have started.

To the Eighth Graders, we leave youth and inexperience in hope that as they grow older their potentialities will be realized.

Barbara Bowles wills her sweet, gentle ways to Ann Nicholas and Catherine Willis, hoping they will use them often.

Nathaniel Armstrong leaves Carl Creasy his musical talents, hoping that one day he will hold his position as choir president.

Howard Bradley wants Donald Jones to have his mustache style believing that this will solve his problem of trying to find someone suitable.

Betty Griggs wills her typing experience to Eastern Jackson and Jeanette Bland, hoping this will be of great help in the coming year.

Harold Bratcher wills his smooth line of talking to girls to David Anderson because it will get him somewhere.

Phillip Carter leaves his athletic ability to Floyd Johnson on the condition that he adds it to his own and continue to develop.

Alice Jackson wills her personality to Joyce Matthews and Marion Edmonds, hoping they will stop being bashful and talk more.

Herbert Lewis leaves his perfect ways to Bernard Roberts, who needs them.

Bertha Kelly wants Christine Edwards and Pricilla White to have her dancing ability, hoping that they will get on the floor more.

Bernard Payne wills his height along with some fertilizer to William Gaines, hoping that this will stimulate his growth.

Elden Payne leaves his seriousness to Henry Wells, hoping that he will use it and stop clowning around so much.

Gertrude Moore wills her dignified manner to Bertha Turpin and Naomi Jamison, with the hope that it will grow on them.

Fermy Payne wants Joseph Young to have his smile on the condition that he keeps it always and uses it often.

William Payne leaves his ability to talk himself out of any situation to Joseph Smith, hoping he will use it wisely.

Sandra Phanelson wills her height to Betty Washington, and some calories to Mayme Palmer, hoping they will take them because she doesn't need them.

Errol Washington leaves his sense of humor to Joseph Hatcher, hoping that it will help his shyness.

Elsie Washington wills her petite size to Ethel Richardson and Mattie Shelton because they are both on the plump size.

In witness whereof, we, the class of 1962, the testors, have to this will set our hands and seals, this 7th day of June one thousand nine hundred sixty-two.

Sandra Phanelson

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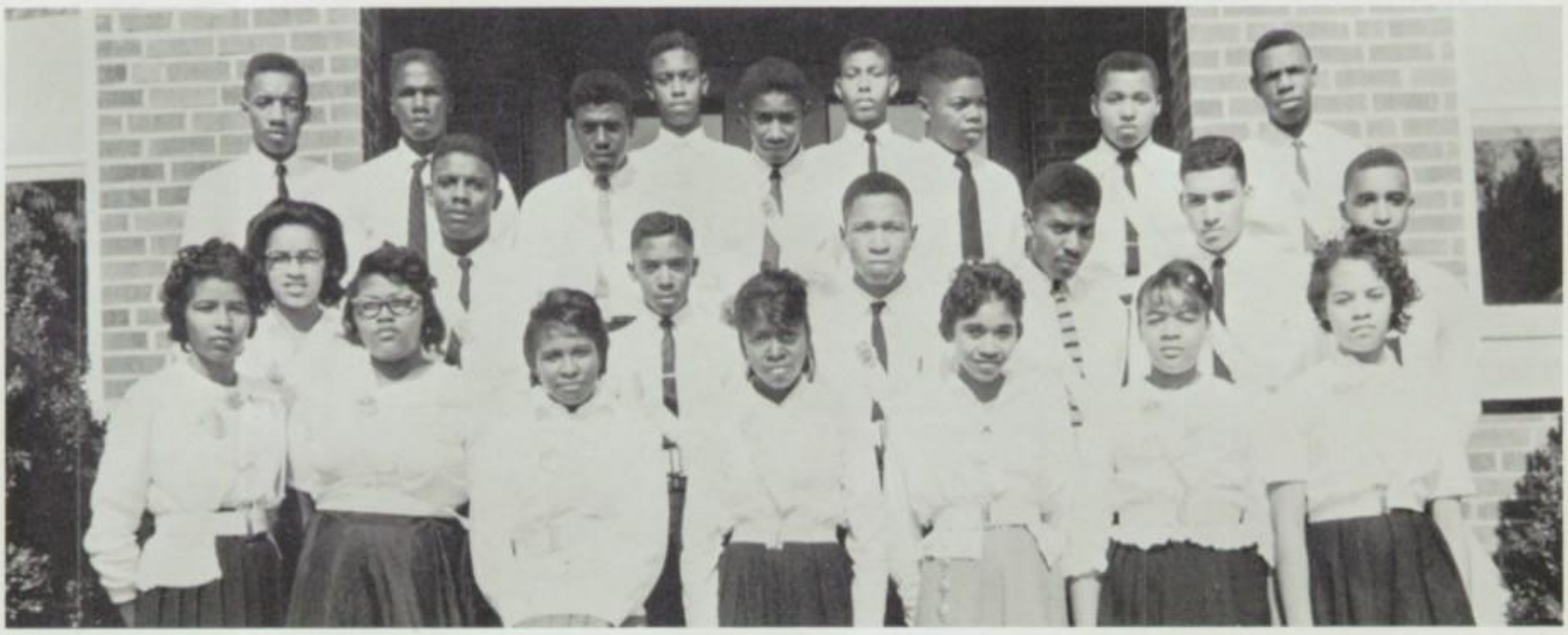
Captain: FLOYD JOHNSON
Coach: MR. W. D. EASLEY



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